

Do College Graduates Keep The Faith? Catholics Given Highest Church Attendance Rating In Survey

New York (NC) — "Full faith" in their religion was expressed by a higher percentage of college graduates who are Catholics than by those in other major denominations, according to a statistical survey of the American college graduate.

The survey, incorporated in "They Went to College" by Ernest Havemann and Patricia Salter West, has been published here by Harcourt, Brace. It was a project of Time Inc.

To determine whether college graduates were religious-minded, doubting Thomases or militant atheists, the survey posed this statement for agreement or disagreement: "Religion has little to offer intelligent, scientific people today."

"Of the Catholic graduates, 91 per cent flatly disagreed—thereby expressing full faith in their religion," the survey takers reported. "Among Protestants the ratio dropped to 81 per cent. And among Jews only 58 per cent, hardly more than half, gave this affirmation of religious belief."

In checking churchgoing habits of college graduates, the survey said, "the differences among Catholics, Protestants, and Jews take on an even sharper pattern."

"About four or five Catholic men and nine or ten Catholic women attend church regularly—every week or nearly every week—and the number who do not attend at all (it is noted very small) is small."

"Among Protestants the number who do not attend regularly is notably smaller, and the number who rarely or never attend goes up to three men of ten and one woman of five."

"Among the Jews only about one person of eight attends regularly, and nearly half do not attend church at all. It is worthy that among Catholics and Protestants the women are more regular churchgoers than the men, but this difference between the sexes does not apply to the Jewish group."

The survey said it does not have figures for the population as a whole to compare with this information about college graduates, and consequently has no way of telling whether the graduates are more or less religious-minded than non-college people.

"About all we can do is make a guess," the survey-takers added. "Among Catholics and Protestants, especially the Catholics, there seems to be little evidence that college training undercuts religious beliefs."

"Among our Jewish graduates, however, the proportion who have broken with religion is quite high, and the proportion of active participants in the religious congregation is notably small. Whether college has anything to do with this phenomenon among the Jews, we cannot say."

AT 'ART SACRE' EXHIBITION



Rev. John LaFarge, S.J., prominent Catholic writer and editor, and Henry Lee Willet, internationally known stained glass artist, discuss sacred vessels in the "Art Sacre" exhibition at Philadelphia. Father LaFarge is holding an ivory monstrance made in Africa. Inspired by the Far Eastern fire symbol with symbolism of the sun, Mr. Willet, chairman of the Philadelphia Art Alliance's crafts committee, holds a gilded copper monstrance with bull's rattles. (NC Photos).

New Washington Catholic High School Admits Negroes

Washington, D. C. — (RNS) — A new \$2,000,000 Roman Catholic high school here will be operated on a policy of non-segregation. Nineteen Negro boys have been admitted among the 350-member freshman class at John Carroll High School which is still undergoing construction. A policy of segregation is followed in the public schools of Washington. Proposals to relax this segregation have been under study. The District of Columbia Board of Education has just voted 5 to 2 to ban any further consideration of the subject by school officials or teachers, an action which has drawn widespread criticism.

Catholics Not Involved In 'Ransom' Bid

Washington — (NC) — No Catholics are involved in the two missionary groups who paid money to the Chinese communist regime in the hope of obtaining exit visas for American missionaries, a Treasury Department official has revealed here.

DESPITE PAYING the sums asked by the Reds, the two missionary groups have so far not obtained the exit of their two representatives in China, the Treasury said.

Catholic groups with missionaries in China long ago adopted a policy of not paying any extortion money to the Reds. The first issue came up when the communists demanded several thousand dollars from Bishop Adolph J. Paschang of Kiang-moon, China, a U. S. Maryknoll. The Bishop was then being tortured and relayed the demand to Maryknoll superiors in Hong Kong.

ARCHBISHOP Anthony Riberi, ousted Papal Internuncio to China now living in Hong Kong, counseled that under no circumstances should the money be paid. Concurring in this decision, Bishop Raymond A. Lane, Maryknoll Superior General, declared: "It would be disastrous to pay extortion money. Every Catholic missionary within reach of the Reds would thus be placed in added jeopardy."

Good Friday Bill Given Congress

Washington, D. C. — (RNS) — Legislation to make Good Friday a legal holiday throughout the nation has been introduced in Congress by a sponsor who said that he will press for early consideration.

Representative John A. Maguire (D-Conn.), introduced the bill, H.R. 7040. It is similar to a bill sponsored early in 1951 by Rep. Lansdale G. Sasser (D-Md.) which has lain dormant in the House Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Maguire's measure would give Good Friday the same legal holiday status as Christmas, Thanksgiving, the Fourth of July, New Year's Day, Memorial Day, and Armistice Day.

Mexican Artist Paints With 'Red' Brush



In another of his much-sought-after public explosions, Mexican, atheist, Communist ranking artist Diego Rivera rolled up and brought home his latest mural intended for the joint Mexican-French Art Exposition which opens in Paris in May. When National Institute of Fine Arts director, Carlos Chavez, took a good look at the mural he told Rivera that Mexico could not go on record as exhibiting it. A fine art work, the mural, "War's Nightmare and Dream of Peace," shows the United States, Britain and France on the the nightmare side, Russia on the other. In a portion of the mural reproduced above, the West is depicted crucifying the worker.

Travel Aids World Peace, Says Pontiff

Vatican City — (NC) — Travel can bring about an understanding "not only between individuals but also between nations, classes and parties," His Holiness Pope Pius XII told delegates to a tourism convention whom he received in audience.

In pointing out the value of travel for world understanding and consequently world peace, the Pontiff said:

"MANY THINGS . . . in regional customs or local traditions which, at first sight, may have seemed strange not to say irritating or ridiculous, appear merely different and often indeed quite understandable, and at times very wise. Their value and interest are appreciated, and thus people come to be judged with ever greater justice and, in general, with greater forbearance and goodness, the fruits of a better mutual understanding."

Travel benefits the observant person, the Pope continued, whether he be missionary, explorer, scientist, pleasure seeker or exile. It develops "a healthy moral and physical resistance," he stated; "the temperament is improved and becomes more docile"; it "refines the senses, enlarges the spirit and enriches experience."

"THE HABIT is acquired of seeing what is good and true in others and of discerning the seeds of error in oneself," the Pontiff continued. "The traveler gets to know better those whom, at a distance, he did not know or even ignored and on his return he gives them a better name and a more favorable reputation in his neighborhood."

Pope Receives Israeli Minister

Vatican City — (NC) — His Holiness Pope Pius XII has received in private audience Moshe Sharett, Israeli Minister of Foreign Affairs.

In making the announcement, Castiglione Romano stated that Mr. Sharett had requested an opportunity to make this visit of courtesy and respect to His Holiness. The Minister was accompanied by his wife and Dr. Moshe Zahal whom he called on the Pontiff.

How To Make 'Rosary Bread'

Hong Kong — A missionary cook has a solution to the problem of baking bread evenly in a wood stove. Father Francis J. Lynch, Maryknoll Missioner from Pittsfield, Mass, forced to prepare his own food during his six months of house arrest in Communist China, discovered a foolproof timing method to eliminate having bread crisp on one side and doughy on the other. This is his recipe: Place the bread in the oven. If the weather is cold, place the feet on the oven ledge. Say the rosary. After every three decades, turn the bread one-fifth of the way around. After three rosaries remove the finished product, baked perfectly on all sides.

Negro Children

New Orleans — (NC) — A six-room one-story residence has been bought here for a day nursery for children of working Negro mothers. It was announced by Sister Mary Thaddeus of the Sisters of the Holy Cross.

Paralyzed Woman Reported Cured At Montreal Shrine

Montreal — (NC) — A woman who had been paralyzed for three years experienced a remarkable cure at St. Joseph's Oratory, internationally famed shrine founded here by the late Brother Andre, according to a report in La Presse, Montreal French-language daily.

The newspaper said that Mrs. Catherine Walker, 50, of Cambridge, is now walking without aid after having attended a novena at the Oratory preceding the feast of St. Joseph. The case has been referred to the Medical Bureau of the shrine, and meanwhile shrine officials have declined to make any comment, the newspaper added.

India Paper Lauds Catholic Diplomat

Bombay, India — (NC) — "The Times of India, leading English-language daily, praised the contribution of Sir Archibald Nye, High Commissioner for the United Kingdom in India, in fostering Indo-British good will. Sir Archibald, who is a Catholic, left New Delhi to take up his new appointment as High Commissioner in Canada.

La Presse said the "cure" has been testified to by the woman's physician, Dr. Louis Holman. The doctor, who is a Jew, was reported as saying: "It is three years since Mrs. Walker came under my care. She was paralyzed in the lower part of her body and could not walk. But since she went to the Oratory, I have seen her several times and I can say she is walking well and without any aid."

I am able to state," Dr. Holman added, "that what has happened is something which resembles a miracle, something surprising and difficult to explain."

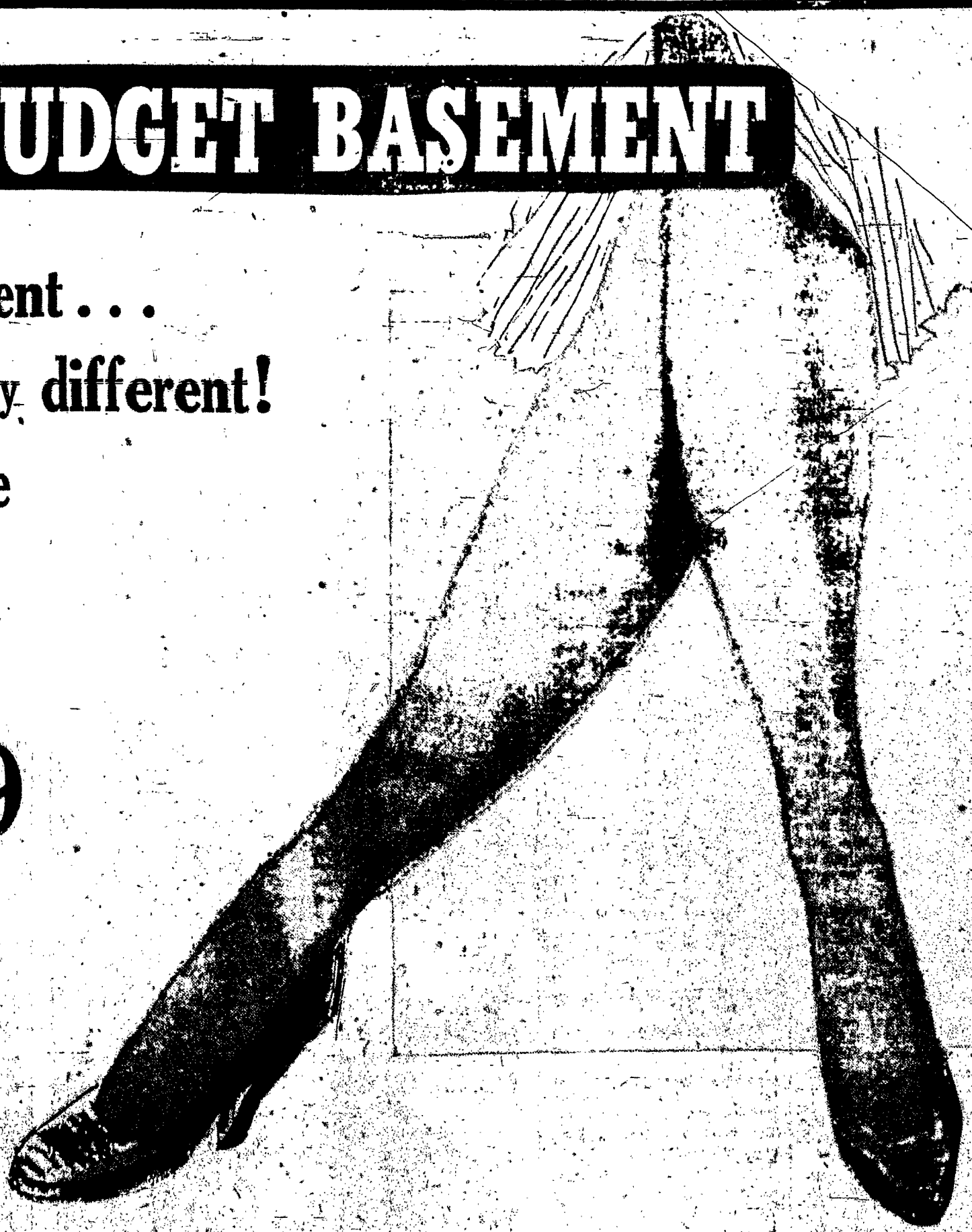
Mrs. Walker, who resides at a private hospital, had gone to the Oratory with another Jew woman who was ill. She regained afterwards that she was playing for herself and her friend and felt herself suddenly cured, just as the officiating priest was blessing the salt.

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